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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Special Counsel

Lest even the slightest shadow appear to have fallen over the reputation of a fine young attorney, may I clarify the events related in The Post's article on Aug. 12, "Democratic Special Counsel Quits Investigation of Casey?"

Last July, I asked Bernhardt K. Wruble, who was the first head of the Office of Government Ethics, if he would take on this task in an inquiry being conducted by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He promptly agreed, and as promptly set to work preparing himself, while somewhere appointment papers began to shuffle. Almost immediately, Mr. Wruble learned that his former firm, in

New York City, once represented Max Hugel whose resignation set in motion the events that have led to the inquiry.

Mr. Wruble immediately called to explain that while he had no relation with Mr. Hugel, or even knew of his firm's relation, the Canon of Ethics of the Bar would prevent him from participating in the inquiry. I accepted his judgment. It was by virtue of such standards of propriety that he was offered the position in the first place.

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